



Upcoming Events

A Saturday Arts Program
3rd-6th Grades
Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-Noon
Arts & Humanities Building
Ada, Okla.
(580) 272-5520

Beaded Collar Class
Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-Noon & 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol
Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Loom Beading Class
Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-Noon & 1-3 p.m.
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A Saturday Arts Program
3rd-6th Grades
Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-Noon
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Dream Catcher Class
Jan. 23, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House
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Loom Beading
Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-Noon & 1-3 p.m.
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A Saturday Arts Program
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A Saturday Arts Program
6-8 years old
Feb. 20, 10 a.m.-Noon
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Chickasaw Youth Ensemble

Kids make a splash at Arrowhead Stadium

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – When 18 young Chickasaws sang about bombs bursting in air, their music director felt a few buttons bursting from his vest.

"I am so proud of them," director Phillip Berryhill said. "They did a great job."

The Chickasaw Youth Ensemble had sung the national anthem before a huge NFL crowd October 25 at Arrowhead Stadium. The Ensemble was featured during pregame activities as the Kansas City Chiefs prepared to host the Pittsburgh Steelers in a key matchup.

"We (the ensemble) may be scattered throughout the territory, but when Chickasaws come together, they are like family," Mr. Berryhill said. "The experienced singers help and encourage the younger members and when it's time to perform, they perform as one."

The girls in the ensemble "were singing constantly. On the trip up, on the trip back home, in the hotel, in restaurants ... everywhere we were together," Mr. Berryhill said.

For the second year in a row, Chickasaws were invited to sing

at a Chiefs' gridiron contest. It looks as if it will become an annual trek north to perform The Star-Spangled Banner, Mr. Berryhill said, and the girls will stay prepared.

Chickasaws have performed the nation's song for the Chiefs, who pay tribute to Native Americans each October to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.

In 2014, eight Chickasaw youth joined nationally-acclaimed Chickasaw songstress Tabitha Fair to perform before approximately 80,000 fans at Arrowhead



The Chickasaw Nation Youth Ensemble performs the national anthem at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri, during pregame festivities Oct. 25.

Stadium. When the ensemble was invited to perform this year, it was going to be without Ms. Fair. She is on tour with Rascal Flatts singing harmony and backup for the Grammy Award-winning band.

LET'S ADD SOME BOYS

Mr. Berryhill said he wanted to include an element heretofore

missing in the ensemble – male singers.

"We have a quality program with young people who are very talented," he said. "Next year, I'd like to take a few of my male students."

Such a move would give the song greater depth with deeper voices

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Larry Carter connects with heritage through abstract painting

Chickasaw locksmith turned artist gaining notoriety

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Hidden within the fiery colors of a Larry Carter canvas is the essence of his Native American heritage.

"There is a point of personal satisfaction when I know an art

ered bonnet is not difficult. Discovering the warrior donning it requires mental gymnastics.

"It's one painting that is most difficult (for others) to decipher," Mr. Carter said. "I frequently point out the forehead, eye, nose and chin so the viewer may fully appreciate the warrior amid the cornucopia of colors used to create it."

Using palette knives and – reluctantly – a brush for delicate details, the Chickasaw artist finds

himself embarking on life's latest chapter at age 51. He is self-taught, painting only five years and devoting a mere 20 months to abstract art incorporating Native American themes.

PICKING THE LOCK

Mr. Carter has worked 20 years for the University of Oklahoma, eight of those as locksmith department supervisor.

"I pick locks," he said.

His wide smile signals he expects expressions of shock and loathing when offering up a three-word job description

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Larry Carter greets Andrew Harjo at the Southeastern Arts Show and Market.

lover 'sees' what he first overlooked," the Noble, Oklahoma, resident said with a smile.

It is not always difficult to spot the central theme of the abstract artist's work – yet, often times, it is.

Mr. Carter's Bear Witness is a case in point. Art festival aficionados know "something" is there hiding in the green, blue, yellow and red. The painting requires a few scans of the observer's mind's eye to make the final determination ... "hey, it's a bear."

Another Carter work is titled "War Bonnet." Finding the feath-



"WAR BONNET"

Red Earth deadline for entries Jan. 15

OKLAHOMA CITY – Applications for new artists to participate in the 30th Red Earth Festival must be submitted by Jan. 15, 2016.

Red Earth, voted a top 10 Native American showcase art exhibit, is a juried art market that spotlights Native talent from America and Canada. Last year, more than 30,000 people visited the festival.

This year's festival will be June 10-12 at Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

Applicants must provide documents of proof of membership in a federally- or state-recognized tribe or documents of proof of certification as Indian artisans by an Indian tribe.

Red Earth officials said artists must submit three color images per category of artwork to be sold at their booth location. Applications may be downloaded at www.redearth.org or by calling (405) 427-5228. Officials said booth space for artists is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

iON 30/30 Next Gen

Orr, Chitwood named top young Oklahomans

OKLAHOMA CITY – A Chickasaw citizen and employee and the leader of a flagship Chickasaw Nation property are recipients of a state award honoring 30 citizens under the age of 30.

Brittney Orr and Bryce Chitwood recently received the iON Oklahoma 30/30 Next Gen award at The Vast in Devon Tower in downtown Oklahoma City.

The fifth-annual event recognized Oklahomans who had made significant contributions in their careers and community, shown professional achievement, community involvement and commitment to Oklahoma's future.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Ms. Orr and Mr. Chitwood were very deserving of recognition.

"Brittney and Bryce are great examples of the dedicated employees of the Chickasaw Nation serving faithfully in a variety of capacities to help meet our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw

people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We are pleased they have been recognized for their commitment and achievements."

Ms. Orr, a Chickasaw citizen, serves as creative marketing specialist for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Communications and Community Development.

"I am deeply honored to be selected for the iON Oklahoma 30/30 Next Generation award," Ms. Orr said. "I am grateful to the Chickasaw Nation for providing many wonderful opportunities that have helped shaped my future and allowed me to grow as a young professional."

Ms. Orr began her service to the Chickasaw Nation in 2010 as an intern in the Department of Communications, and was hired as a full-time communications officer in 2011.

"When I completed my internship with the Chickasaw Nation, I had little idea what my future held," she said. "In that brief time, I have enjoyed many exciting ex-

periences, professional achievements and personal milestones as an employee of the Chickasaw Nation. I am blessed to work in an environment that supports career development opportunities and I consider this award to be a direct reflection of those experiences."

A native of Jenks, Okla., Ms. Orr lives in Ada, Okla. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Southeastern Oklahoma State University where she was on the Dean's List four consecutive years. She served as president of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, where she continues to serve as membership/recruitment advisor.

Ms. Orr also serves on the board of Young Professionals of Ada Leadership Committee and twice served as a board member of Young Professionals of Ada Social Committee. She is currently serving her second term as president of the philanthropic organization, Our Time Tanti.

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Tribe honored by American Cancer Society



'Relay for Life' Award

The American Cancer Society recently recognized the Chickasaw Nation for its support of the Society's "Relay for Life" program. "The American Cancer Society is committed to important, lifesaving work and we are proud to partner with them on Relay for Life and other projects," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. From left are Society Regional Director Kaci Underwood, Gov. Anoatubby and Mary Ruth Barnes, a Chickasaw citizen who also serves as Society Senior Director of Estate and Asset Services. Chickasaws who served as team captains for Relay for Life were present for the award. They include Barbara Earles, of Tishomingo; Loretta Anoatubby, of Ardmore; and Ginger Edmondson, Pam Kanuch and Leta Burwell, all of Ada.

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She is a member of the Association for Women in Communication, Blog Oklahoma and Oklahoma Women Bloggers Network, where she was named "Blogger of the Month" in 2013. She was the 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Communications Community Achievement Award.

Mr. Chitwood, of Sulphur, Okla., serves as general manager of the Artesian Hotel and Spa in Sulphur.

"I am delighted to have been named Next Gen 30/30 by iON Magazine," Mr. Chitwood said.

"Every day the team at the Artesian Hotel works diligently to ensure we provide the very best guest experience. I am grateful to be part of such a remarkable team and to serve the Chickasaw Nation in this important work."

Mr. Chitwood began his service to the Chickasaw Nation in 2013, when the 81-room Artesian Hotel and Spa opened. During this time, the luxury hotel has been named Outstanding Lodging Property, Outstanding Marketing and Best Social Media Campaign by the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association. The Sulphur-Davis Chamber of Commerce named the hotel and spa "Murray County Business of the Year." Mr. Chitwood was also honored as Hotel

General Manager of the Year in 2014 by the Oklahoma Hotel and Lodging Association.

In addition to his work duties, Mr. Chitwood volunteers with Kiwanis International, Making Promises Happen, a program that provides outdoor recreational opportunities to special needs individuals. He also volunteers with the Sulphur Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of American Hotel and Lodging Association, Oklahoma Hotel and Lodging Association and the American Camp Association.

Mr. Chitwood previously served as director of operations at Central Christian Camp and Conference Center in Guthrie, Okla.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Mr. Chitwood is the son of Fred and Pam Chitwood and the



Artesian Hotel manager Bryce Chitwood and Chickasaw citizen Brittney Orr recently received the iON Oklahoma 30/30 Next Gen award at The Vast in Devon Tower in Oklahoma City. The fifth-annual award recognizes those under 30 years old who have made significant contributions in their careers and communities.

grandson of Calvin and Inez Agee and Bob and Helen Chitwood, all of Sulphur.

A panel of Oklahoma business and civic leaders selected Ms. Orr and Mr. Chitwood were selected by a panel of Oklahoma business and civic leaders from among nearly 2,000 nominees.

For more information, contact iON Oklahoma Online at www.ionok.com/30under30.

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sounding like a crime.

"Learned it from my father," he quips, adding a level of uncomfortable ambivalence for those within earshot.

His career as a locksmith proved fortuitous.

Born in Oklahoma City, a graduate of Noble High School, Mr. Carter attended OU two years before moving to Montana to join his father's locksmith business.

He landed in Bozeman, Montana. For a decade, he toiled. But he also did something else - he soaked up the mastery of famed western oil painter Charles Russell and other artistic giants who found solace and creative inspiration in the vast expanse of America's Big Sky Country.

"I love hunting and fishing," he said. "I chased deer and elk as often as I could."

Scenic mountain ranges spilled into splendid grassland meadows followed by seemingly endless plateaus. He was unaware of it, but the artist was picking the lock of his own mind, acquiring information - colors, themes, ani-

mals, terrain, sunlight, shadows - he would craft to canvas nearly two decades later.

SOONER NATION SUPPORT

His work is in the home of University of Oklahoma President David Boren and also hangs in the office of OU's Dean of Students Clarke Stroud. Mr. Carter gifted those, but two other Carter works were purchased by the university and adorn walls in the Stephenson Research and Technology Center.

Five years ago, the artist and his Montana-born wife, T.J., selected a painting for his office. It captures an elk in the wilderness.

"I can do that!" he exclaimed to himself.

He purchased a beginner's oil painting kit. Imagery of his hunting adventures in Montana flooded his mind. He lightly brushed the canvas. What emerged was a deer standing at the forefront of a dark and mysteriously beautiful forest, its head high sniffing for danger. Mr. Carter entered it in an OU staff talent show.

It won first place.



"BEAR WITNESS"

"The paint wasn't even dry," he said. "I have often wondered what would have happened had anyone realized it was my first painting and was completed using a rudimentary beginner artist's kit."

FINDING NEW INSPIRATION

Until 20 months ago, his work consisted of realism - landscapes, wildlife, even a portrait of his son, Kael.

Then, Rocky Hawkins showed up on Mr. Carter's radar. Mr. Hawkins was born in Seattle in 1950 and enjoys an international following.

"I saw his work and it completely inspired me," Mr. Carter said. "He (Hawkins) paints an abstract. He then sits back and studies it. He allows the abstract to tell him what it is supposed to become."

Larry Carter is a Chickasaw Nation citizen. He votes in tribal elections. His ancestry has been known to him since childhood. But he will be the first to admit his Chickasaw blood did not inspire his art until he began following Mr. Hawkins' method of abstract painting.

"I don't look Native at all," Carter observed. Indeed, his complex-

ion is light. His hair and moustache are a mixture of color akin to his paintings.

Following Hawkins' technique, Mr. Carter's abstracts spoke to him in a decidedly Native American tongue.

"The connectedness astounded me," he said. "I saw warriors, braves, horses, bison. I saw the Trail of Tears. Fully ninety-nine percent of my abstracts are Native-themed. I now say 'I am a Chickasaw artist and this is what I paint'."

He also is a patriotic American. Old Glory is painted often because "the red, white and blue screams out to be painted."

"The beauty of abstract is this: a part of your heart is contained within the work and you get to decide what part of it touches your soul," the artist said. "It will speak to you in ways others will not understand or even fathom. Your relationship with it is what becomes of it."

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blending with those of his immensely talented female students.

If Facebook "likes" and "comments" are any indication, the Chickasaw Youth Ensemble knocked it out of the park on a brilliantly crisp autumn afternoon.

"The girls were praised for their performance on social media, particularly on Facebook," Mr. Berryhill said. "The praise was deserved. The girls earned it by staying focused and disciplined."

The ensemble performs whenever it is presented the opportunity

"We sing every chance we get," he said. "We'll sing this holiday season at Christmas parties and Gov. Anoatubby honored us by requesting we perform at his inauguration in October."

COMBING THE HINTERLANDS

Ensemble singers reside throughout the Chickasaw Nation and getting them all together for regular rehearsals can be challenging.

The 18 members who sang in Kansas City represented communities across the Chickasaw Nation.

The ensemble includes nine girls from Ada, Eryn Anoatubby, Alyssa James, Bailee McCurdy, Gabrielle Padilla, Micah Postoak, Faithlyn Seawright, Haley Shaw, Izy Wilkerson and Mazzi Wycle; three from Ardmore, Deanna DeValve, Madisen Moore and Makenna Moore; and several others including Daryn Berryhill, of Wetumka; Taylor Harrison, of Allen; Mackenzie Geisler, of Little Axe; Melissa Herman, of Midwest City; Cora Moldenhauer, of Maud and Melissa and Markita McCarty, of Stonewall.

"The positive aspect of our 'problem,' if you want to call it a problem, is many of these young ladies are veterans of the group," Mr. Berryhill said. "They are ready to help the girls who are just starting out. As I work with these students, I am constantly discovering very talented youngsters whose voices, inflections, intonation and skill are varied. We can use them in many different ways and in very different genres of vocal music."

Mr. Berryhill also has a secondary theory about why the Kansas City Chiefs professional football franchise invites Chickasaws to perform annually.

"It doesn't hurt that each time the Chickasaw Youth Ensemble sings in Arrowhead Stadium, the Chiefs have been victorious on the field," he observed with a light-hearted chuckle.

"We're their good luck charm."



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Our unity, effort are the bedrock of our tribal successes



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

It's time to greet the new year and look ahead to the many great things that lie ahead for the Chickasaw Nation. We are without a doubt a very blessed, focused and resilient tribe. I know the new year of 2016 will hold many wonderful "firsts" for the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw people!

Throughout the generations, our ancestors often felt the insecurity and pressure of unwanted change as our country tried to find its footing. For many new years throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, the Chickasaw people could see only tremendous challenge ahead. Our people very often had to fight simply to survive.

Our story is well known, and the fact that we held together as a people and a tribe has been the bedrock on which we have based our modern Chickasaw Nation. And, of course, we face multiple challenges in this modern world in which we live, work and raise our families. As a tribe, we chartered a course nearly 30 years ago that set us on the path of successful commerce. We had a plan, we knew it would take time, and it has worked exceedingly well. Now, we are continuing to build and diversify our business holdings as we also hold true to our fundamental beliefs in good business practices, fair competition and, as always, dedication to the Chickasaw people we serve.

When we were looking at the dawn of the new year seven years ago, our plan and our direction in business would be tested.

In January 2009, the country had just entered the Great Recession. A new president had been elected just two months prior, and he would take office against the backdrop of the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression.

In January 2009, American business was contracting at an alarming rate. Consumer spending had dried up, research and development essentially ended, and reinvestment became a thing of the past. Joblessness was hitting all markets across the country and the unemployment figures continued to climb at a rapid rate every week. Real pain and suffering visited almost everyone. The American stock market had plunged and many investors had lost at least one-half of their value.

Things looked pretty bleak for the American economy, and there were plenty of naysayers to pile on.

And where are we today, seven years down the road from this economic chasm?

The economy began growing again following Federal Reserve Bank intervention, and business is, for the most part, well into a sustained recovery. The unemployment rate, which soared above 10 percent in 2009, has now settled back to a very reasonable 5 percent. Consumer spending, the foundation of our modern economy, has risen sharply, and business performance is vastly improved.

Additionally, the Chickasaw Nation commercial structure has not only survived, but has produced excellent growth.

During the recession, we engaged in some cost control, no doubt about that. We operated very conservatively and focused on preserving the successful operations we had built over time. The results were gratifying. Our businesses thrive principally because we watch our fundamentals. Quality employees and focus on exceptional customer service consistently pay dividends!

We have worked hard to diversify our businesses across a number of categories. We formulated a business diversification plan early in the game, and we have stuck with it. The strategy has been successful. As we move forward, we continue to explore new commercial opportunities. Our goal, as always, is to become engaged in those businesses that will best serve the Chickasaw people through enhanced funding for education, housing, health care, transportation, culture, and all the many programs and services critical to Chickasaws.

Whatever comes our way, the Chickasaw Nation has chosen the path that supports our tribal independence and the success of our people. That's the Chickasaw way!

Chickasaw Children's Christmas Celebrations across the Chickasaw Nation



Christmas spirit filled the air during the Ada, Ardmore, Oklahoma City and Tishomingo Annual Chickasaw Children's Christmas Celebrations. Children enjoyed each venue adorned with candy canes and gingerbread decorations to resemble a winter candyland theme. While waiting to have photos taken with Mr. and Mrs. Santa, the children enjoyed the live Christmas musical entertainment by the band 737 to bring in the yuletide joy. Chickasaw Princess, Raechell Meely and Little Miss Chickasaw, Lauren Key also joined in the celebration.

‘A foot in both worlds’
Chickasaw bowyer, artist maintains traditional life

MEERS, Okla. – Meers’ claim to fame – aside from an “if-you-blinked-you-missed-it” gold rush in 1901 – is a mammoth hamburger made from the lean beef of Texas Longhorns.

On the outskirts of this tiny unincorporated western Oklahoma community lives Chickasaw citizen Elihu Johnson, his wife, April and six young daughters. On a 30-acre patch of ground, Mr. Johnson makes a living performing odd jobs and selling Native American art, specifically wildlife pencil drawings, and elaborate bows, arrows, fur quivers, knives and deer-hide sheaths.

He stalks white-tailed deer and elk on 800 acres of unforgiving, harsh mountain terrain. Panoramic sunsets blaze a sky along the Wichita Mountains, a rocky, inhospitable escarpment divorced of comforts, yet teeming with wildlife.

Mr. Johnson felled a 10-point buck deer with a muzzleloader in October and his quest for elk began in December. Successful kills assuage the family’s primary need as winter grinds slowly southward. Their life is a tad above subsistence thanks to his artistic lilt of capturing a likeness of creatures and crafting traditional Chickasaw weaponry.

For two years now, doors of opportunity have opened wide. He earned the title of “Fellow” at the Southwest Association of Indian Arts (SWAIA) – one of America’s top Native art shows hosted annually in Santa Fe, N.M. With the title came a \$5,000 grant and the opportunity to showcase his talent to wealthy collectors and aficionados of Native art.

He is Chickasaw and Kiowa, a man of few words, quiet and reserved. All traits, he said, he inherited from his Chickasaw

grandfather.

“I keep a foot in both worlds,” Mr. Johnson said. “I have found a place with the Chickasaw and the Kiowa, a place in the modern world and in the primitive world.”

An appreciation of this man’s ability to forge weapons into works of art is to embrace the unconventional. Some of his Chickasaw long bows have holes in them – remnants of borers such as beetles, termites, ants or even where a branch once swayed in the breeze.

“I was told a bow with a hole in it, or a bow that isn’t completely straight, is structurally compromised,” Mr. Johnson said. “I’ve used all these bows and they performed wonderfully.”

“As long as the two ends form a straight plane, the bow will be true and strong.

For the first 30 years of his life, the artist identified as Kiowa. The Kiowa were a nomadic tribe that roamed freely from Montana into Colorado and Kansas, hunting bison along the vast prairies of the High Plains. They acquired horses in the 16th century and Kiowas are considered among the best hunters and warriors atop a steed.

He registered as a Chickasaw citizen recalling his grandfather’s story about the tribe, how it was feared and respected by friend and foe and how contact with Europeans occurred centuries before settlers moved west, forcing the Kiowa into Indian Territory.

“My heritage awakens emotions within me,” Mr. Johnson said. “When I touch that wood, I go back in time. I’m a hunter and a warrior. I protect and provide for my family. If it wasn’t for (Chickasaws), we’d all be speaking Spanish or French right now. That spirit lives through me when I make bows. I am constantly thinking about my ancestors and what (a quality bow) meant to them. It’s spiritual and multifaceted. It connects me to my past.”

Typically, a Johnson bow com-



Elihu Johnson smiles at a question from a reporter during an interview at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

mands hundreds of dollars, more if the work was particularly tedious, difficult or ornate.

He struggles with “prices.”

“If I didn’t have to feed my family, I’d give them away,” he said. “I believe my clients and festival participants know they are buying an item that is one-of-a-kind. No two are exactly alike. They are priceless to me. I love all aspects of it until it comes to affixing a price tag.”

In November, the onslaught of winter was held at bay by El Nino, but Mr. Johnson expects bitter cold in months ahead. He grew a gray-flecked beard. The deer he harvested isn’t enough.

“A deer isn’t going to feed my family through winter,” he said. “I need an elk.”

The deer he harvested yielded 75 to 100 pounds of venison.

“That will only feed my crew for a couple of months,” he said. “An elk will see us through to spring.”

He has begun chopping wood to fuel a wood-burning stove and fireplace in his crowded cobblestone domicile. While the family enjoys electricity and running water, Mr. Johnson would be just as comfortable in a small cabin with coal lanterns illuminating its interior.

He is not alone in begrudging these small comforts. Mr. Johnson said the love of his life shares his affinity for the simple, hardy life.

“If it was up to my wife, we’d live in a tepee.”

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Elihu Johnson greets a young admirer this past October while showing his art at the Southeastern Art Show and Market in Tishomingo. Mr. Johnson said the annual show, featured in conjunction with the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, was a financial success for him and his family.

Youth Cultural Council accepting new members

The Chickasaw Youth Cultural Council is accepting new members.

The Chickasaw Youth Cultural Council creates a passion for Chickasaw history and Chickasaw traditional culture. It encourages youth to take an interest in the state of the Chickasaw Nation, and it instills pride in being Chickasaw and Native American.

Meetings take place once a month. Applicants must be in grades 7-12 and enrolled as a Chickasaw citizen to be eligible.

For more information, contact Dixie Brewer (580) 665-9132/dixie.brewer@chickasaw.net or Kellie Reynolds (580) 257-9089/kellie.john@chickasaw.net.

Higher Education grants, scholarship applications due by Feb. 1

Chickasaw students seeking higher education grants and scholarships for the 2016 spring semester must apply by Feb. 1, 2016.

Students participating in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral programs from an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist part-time and full-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.

Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/highered.

For more information, contact Education Services at (580) 421-7711.

Dynamic Women presenter submissions due January 15

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is now accepting presentation proposals for the 2016 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference. The annual event will be April 14-15, 2016, at the Artesian Hotel and Spa in Sulphur, Okla.

Presenters must be over the age of 30 and have a minimum of five years’ experience in their professional field or area of expertise. Deadline for proposal submission is Jan. 15, 2016.

For more information on the Dynamic Women Conference, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

‘Love Stories’ Valentine card making set for Feb. 12 in Ada

“Loves Stories” and Valentine card make-and take is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Thursday Feb. 12 in Ada.

This fun event will be in the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Black Box Theatre, 201 N. Broadway, Ada. “Love Stories” will feature storytelling by Lorie Robins Carmichael, Stephanie Scott and Dixie Brewer.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw survives Paris terrorist attack

PARIS - The ground shook under the Stade de France in Paris on Friday, Nov. 13. Chickasaw citizen Colby Corsaut knew something was wrong.

Mr. Corsaut was in the Stade de France to watch the France v. Germany soccer match when two explosions occurred just outside the stadium. The shocking event was one out of the six terrorist attacks that took place across Paris that day. A total of 129 people died.

"It's a pivotal time in to be serving others in Europe," Mr. Corsaut said.

The terrorist bombs that exploded outside the central Paris stadium were probably meant for inside the stadium, where thousands awaited the soccer match.

"There was this echoing bomb that went through the stadium and waves of people making noise in response to the loud noise," Mr. Corsaut said.

He recalled his friend commenting the noise was from a cannon and that it could possibly be part of the entertainment of the game. Despite his friend's remark, he said he knew something was wrong.

"Usually, if there is a cannon set off at a game, it's after a monumental period of the game," Mr. Corsaut said. "Plus, there weren't any cannons on the field."

When the second bomb went off, he felt the ground shake. As he was leaving the stadium, he saw people running for their lives. After leaving the stadium and making their way home, Mr. Corsaut and his friends found themselves just two blocks away from another terrorist attack.

"It doesn't change my calling and what God led us here to do," Mr. Corsaut said. "We are here to help build young leaders and build the community. A part of ethos and passion is that we add value to any community we are



Chickasaw citizen Colby Corsaut with sons Malachi and Deacon hold an Oklahoma flag before the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Mr. Corsaut was in the

in and wherever we plant a family. We want to be servants to this community, to add value and to bless it."

Despite the national trauma experienced by the French, and the personal stress of being so close to a terrorist event, Mr. Corsaut

said he remains dedicating to completing his mission to serve others.

Mr. Corsaut has aspirations to change the world. In pursuit of his mission to serve others in need, he and his family moved to France. Immersing himself

in French language and culture every day, he has learned to be aware of his surroundings due to the recent attacks in Paris.

He attends the French Language School "Les Cedres" with assistance from the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology Program. Les Cedres has been in operation since 1975 and accepts ministers and others from around the world who are interested in learning French in a Christian setting.

Prior to moving to Paris with his wife and children, Mr. Corsaut lived in Kingston, Okla. He graduated from Kingston High School and attended Southeastern State Oklahoma and Oklahoma Baptist University.

Mr. Corsaut serves a church in France. He volunteers with the church's variety of outreach programs, including helping out with the current immigrant crisis.

"We are providing drinking water and safe havens for immigrants who are marching across Europe," he said. "We want to be sure to support those who come into France."

Other than learning French and helping out with the church, Corsaut enjoys spending time with his family and delving into the sport of rugby.

"United States football is extremely similar to rugby. The fan-base and toughness of the players are the same," Corsaut said.

He and his five-year-old son are currently enrolled on French Rugby teams.

Corsaut's other project includes working on his two PHD proposals. One of the PHD proposals covers the unique church history of the Chickasaw people. The other PHD proposals require Corsaut to research old French documents to complete the proposal.

He was involved with a program at Southeastern to help the victims of sex trafficking.

"I'm still working with women and children who are stolen and forced into sex slavery in Paris," he said. "The church is supporting awareness days, marches and fundraisers to serve and support the 27 million victims of sex trafficking."

Mr. Corsaut's mother made sure he knew about his Chickasaw heritage. His ancestor was Nelson Chigley, who founded Davis, Oklahoma. On his father's side, his ancestors were French Huguenots (French Protestants) who fled from France to escape religious persecution in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

He graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He taught religious studies, biblical studies, literature and history courses at Southeastern. He became the college pastor on campus and has been involved in ministry work for 10 years around the world. He has travelled to Africa, South America, China, Israel, Palestine and Turkey for ministry outreach. While visiting various countries missionary work, he merged his second passion of sports into his travels. Amongst his other certifications and degrees, Mr. Corsaut is also a CrossFit certified coach.

"I have taught basketball in Turkey and American football in Israel," he said. "I've worked with universities and students from across the world. Sports is a great way to bridge gaps and build friendships."

Mr. Corsaut said knowing he was part of a deeper purpose had led him to meet amazing people and visit foreign lands.

"God has given us such healthy minds," he said. "It would be a shame to not be a good stewards to this gift."

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Presentation by Gov. Anoatubby to

Oklahoma City University leadership students



Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Oklahoma City University President Dr. Robert Henry and a class of 22 OCU students selected for President Henry's comprehensive leadership instruction. Gov. Anoatubby addressed the group Nov. 30 concerning leadership, integrity, tribal history, great tribal leaders and important Chickasaw people who have made a positive and lasting impact in America. President Henry's leadership course helps student leaders learn about different groups of people instrumental in shaping America's historic legacy. The group spent November studying Native Americans during Native American History Month. The Chickasaw Nation and OCU enjoy a productive partnership in many avenues of education and educational opportunities.

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2016 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

Lisa S. Huling, C.P.A

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Take advantage of the Chickasaw Community Council in your area

Hello Everyone,
I hope you and your families are enjoying the cooler weather and the Thanksgiving season.
Last month several Legislators traveled to Sacramento California to enjoy the fellowship with the Northern California Community Council at their annual picnic. Several hundred Chickasaw citizens came together to celebrate family and friends during this special event with a great meal and visitation.



CONNIE BARKER
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

One of the memorable events that took place was the presentation of two beloved women as Northern California's Community Council Dynamic Women of the year. Barbara Keeley and Carrol Reynolds Lopez were chosen for their hard work and dedication to the council. Every year they play a huge role in making the annual picnic a success.

As Legislators, we enjoy meeting our citizens face to face and have developed great friendships over the years.

If you have a Community Council in your area, I encourage you to join not only for the fellowship, but for the information that is provided at the meetings. At

large citizens can benefit from many programs, and attending a council meeting is a great way to stay informed.

I am wishing all of you a great Holiday Season of family, food and fun.

God bless you all!
Connie Barker, Chairperson
Pickens District Seat 2

It's New Year resolution time! Resolve to visit your Community Council soon

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you?

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Have you made your New Year's Resolutions, yet?

This year, I've resolved to exercise regularly and eat more nutritiously. I am so thankful for our wonderful health facilities and for all our employees in the health fields. They do a wonderful job in taking care of us when health needs arise, but we also have a responsibility to stay as healthy as we possibly can.

As we look back over the past year, we can be proud of our accomplishments and resolve to learn from our mistakes.

We are so blessed as a Nation! I have often said that the best part of being a legislator is getting to represent you and getting to know you personally.

The Community Councils and Citizen Connection groups are a great way to learn more about the programs and services provided by the Nation, to meet fellow Chickasaws in your areas, and to meet personally with your legislators. To find out if a group meets in your area, you can call (580) 332-1165.

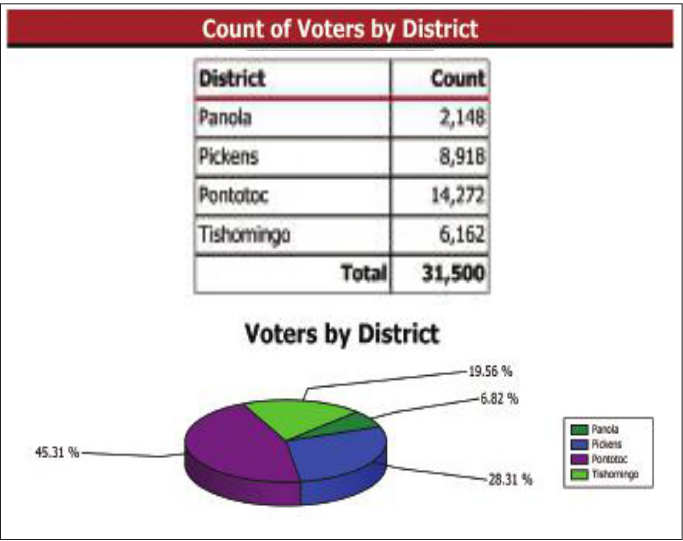
The Chickasaw Community Outreach Program assists Chickasaw community groups in different areas across the United States in the following ways: learn about programs and services; meet representatives from

the Chickasaw Nation; share and learn the history of your ancestors; meet other Chickasaws living in your area; see demonstrations of cultural activities; and provide access to presentations in a variety of areas pertaining to your Chickasaw heritage.

I hope to see many of you in the coming year, but please don't hesitate to call or e-mail if I can help you in any way.

Stay warm and safe this winter!

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Visit to the Albuquerque Community Council proves very special

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family.

The Elder Christmas lunch in Ada is in a few days. They always have beautiful handmade crafts, amazing artwork and fabulous food available for those who have Christmas shopping left to do.

Visiting with and helping serve our elders is such a privilege, joy and blessing to my heart. Several legislators and I had the opportunity to attend the New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council's Christmas lunch in Albuquerque. I would like to thank Rita Yepa and all the members of the council for making us feel so welcome. It was wonderful hearing memories from the elders in attendance about their childhood Christmas experiences.

The council continued a tradition of giving everyone a Christmas sack containing an apple, orange and hard candy.

We are expecting a very special bundle of joy this January. My son, Cash, and daughter-in-law, Jessica, are expecting their first child!!! Alesha and I are very excited to meet little Andrew Clark.

Christmas is so special because of the gift God gave to us all, his Son. I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

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Take advantage of your tribes' many education programs for a great start

Hello Everybody,
Happy New Year everybody! I wish you and your family a happy and prosperous new year.

As a former educator and the grandparent of three college students, a high school senior and a high school sophomore, I associate the beginning of a new year with the beginning of the second semester of a school year.

I think about how important and valuable an education is to a person's life. I think about how, after finishing only the fourth grade at Collins Institute, a Chickasaw Boarding School in Stonewall, Indian Territory, my grandpa had to go forth into the adult world and figure out a way to survive.

My mother's formal education ended with her junior year in Wright City, Oklahoma, but she wanted more for me and my brothers.

Today, educational requirements and general expectations call for at least a high school diploma. We are blessed to be a part of a tribe that values and supports the acquisition of knowledge through higher education and technical training.

The tribe's support for higher education begins in high school with funding for college entrance exams like the American College Test, (ACT) and the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and offering preparatory classes for both.

Also, before leaving high school, prospective higher education students can request an assignment of a tribal education counselor to personally guide the student in availing themselves of every applicable educational assistance the tribe has to offer.

The Chickasaw Nation Education Department hosts meetings for students, parents and guardians on how to complete the Free Application For Student Aid (FASFA) that is required by all colleges, regardless of a student's, his or her parents' or guardian's annual income.

One of the more expensive aspects of higher education is the cost of text books. The Chickasaw Nation provides text book grants for college students and text book and supplies grants for technical students.

The Chickasaw Nation Education Department publishes, annually, The Student Handbook and The Career Technology Student Handbook. These handbooks can be accessed on line through the "Services" section of the Chickasaw Nation website or by contacting the education department at (580) 421-7711. They are located at 300 Rosedale Road, Ada, Oklahoma.

Deadlines for all scholarships can be found in the student handbooks. Remember to start the process early and seek help from the Chickasaw Nation Education Department whenever necessary.

Respectfully,

Katie



KATIE CASE
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

With hustle and bustle of holidays, business remains for legislature

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. It seems that November is the shortest month because of all the holidays. We honor our veterans with special lunches at all Senior sites. Veterans can apply to Aging Services for a drawing of veterans to go to Washington, D.C., to visit all the memorials and one veteran is chosen to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. What an honor that is! Then there are numerous luncheons to celebrate Thanksgiving at all the nutrition sites.

The largest is in Ada at the Agriplex. Seniors are bused in from all over for this occasion. It is a time to really give thanks for a prosperous year filled with blessings. This year, a record number of seniors attended. There were arts and craft booths and drawings for those folks buying chances from the different senior sites.

Now December also has its events. Christmas, of course, is the largest event of the year. There are several opportunities for family and friends to gather for feasting and fellowship at the

many sites as well as in Ada. It truly is a special time of year.

But in both November and December, the Legislature has its business to conduct. This December we considered six General Resolutions and one Permanent Resolution. So we had meetings and guests that answered our questions and then the Regular Session to make our decisions. Business does not stop, even for festive occasions!

I hope that you were able to be with family and friends during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons this year. And I wish all Chickasaws a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year for 2016!

Chi ihullo li! I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me by telephone, email or letter. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people.

Thank you.
Chipisala'cho!
Mary Jo

Volunteers come together for Bloomfield Indian Cemetery cleanup

I hope everyone's new year has started out in positive fashion. My potential for a positive new year is being endangered by the fact my computer has crashed. Therefore this month's article will be short and sweet.

At the Panola Senior Center last month, we had a record high of over 300 in attendance for our Indian taco night. It was the social spot to be! Come join us when you can. The Taco sales are on the first Friday each month. Call ahead (580) 296-1674.

It's that time of the year and the Bloomfield Indian School Cemetery Association has been busy with clean up. The Chickasaw Children's Village in Kingston, OK and People First Industries in Durant, OK met at the Bloomfield Indian Cemetery for a final clean-up day for the year.



BETH ALEXANDER
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



Bill Duckworth, Jim Corley, Clifford Whinery, Joe Hartwell, DeLoyd Hicks, Clyde Glenn, Dennis Czapiewski, James Plunkett, all veterans at the Panola Center.

Volunteers from Chickasaw Children's Village were Derek Anico (Kickapoo tribe), Zak Bradley (Seminole), Terrynce Giveswater (Quapaw), Angel Navejar (Arapaho), Joseph Thompson (Choctaw), and Gary Price. Volunteers from People First Industries were David & Candice Conner, Mason Bowers, Logan & Karin Johnson, and Jessica Young. Others: DeLoyd Hicks, Craig & Rachel Musgrove, and Rebekah Hicks.

A new year stands for new beginnings but sometimes issues still remain in our lives. Thoughts and prayers for all of you that are experiencing trauma and hardships.

"But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6b -7 KJV

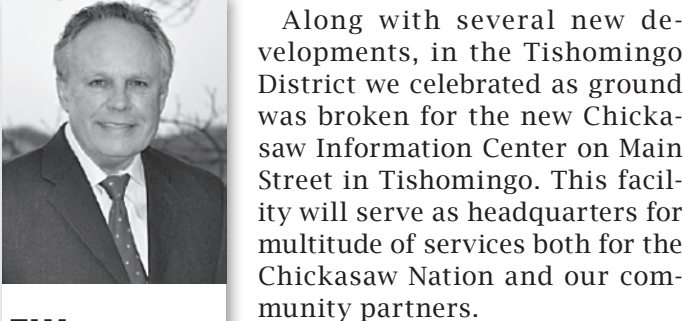
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New tribal Information Center in Tishomingo will serve as gateway

Chukma and Happy New Year! Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

I hope you and your family had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we reflect on the past year, it is evident the Chickasaw Nation has once again made tremendous strides in meeting the mission to “enhance the overall quality of life for all Chickasaw citizens.”



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Along with several new developments, in the Tishomingo District we celebrated as ground was broken for the new Chickasaw Information Center on Main Street in Tishomingo. This facility will serve as headquarters for multitude of services both for the Chickasaw Nation and our community partners.

The new Information Center will serve as a gateway for the many attractions in this historic section of the Chickasaw Nation, including the Chickasaw Capitol Building and Council House Museum, Chickasaw White House, Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge and Blue River.

Located at the intersection of Capitol and Main streets, the facility will house the Chickasaw Nation Tourism Department, tribal Office of Special Events, Johnston County Chamber of Commerce and Johnston County Historical Society.

Much of the building will be dedicated to tourism promotion, with emphasis on the Chickasaw Nation and the Tishomingo area.

This new addition to Information Center, the Tishomingo area will be complemented by a new Senior Center and Head Start building, which are also under construction.

In Sulphur, we were excited to break ground on a new Chickasaw Youth Club last May.

The building will serve as an after school and summer learning center for our students, where they will enjoy enhanced interactive programs such as Stickball and basketball in a safe environment. Character development, educational priorities and teambuilding lessons are offered to ensure our youth have essential tools for success in life.

Many more programs, services and scholarships were awarded in 2015 to Chickasaws of all ages who live throughout the world.

We look forward to the New Year with hopes to continue the success paved this past year.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chokma’shki,

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Business revenues humming along for FY2016

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and governor’s and lt. governor’s offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe’s division of education.

Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2015

Tribal Government
Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$13.09 million for the month and \$29.27 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$12.3 million for the month and \$20.84

million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through November totaled \$215.4 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$244.67 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$25.2 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2015, the tribal government funds had \$347 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$22.62 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$240.37 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of November 30, 2015, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.17 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Month Ended November 30, 2015

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 1,517,062	215,407,377	216,924,439
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	29,272,207	(29,272,207)	-
Total funds available	30,789,269	186,135,170	216,924,439

Expenditures			
General government	1,431,471		1,431,471
Legislature	529,107	-	529,107
Judiciary	211,710	-	211,710
Education	2,878,250	-	2,878,250
Heritage Preservation	4,065,880	-	4,065,880
Health	921,149	-	921,149
Youth Services	883,471	-	
Family Services	2,788,644	-	2,788,644
Nutrition Programs	1,235,278	-	1,235,278
Regulatory	2,296,547	-	2,296,547
Assistance Programs	3,602,885	-	3,602,885
Gaming expense	-	126,468,743	126,468,743
Other businesses' expense	-	34,436,809	34,436,809
Total expenditures	20,844,391	160,905,553	180,866,472
Increase in net assets	9,944,878	25,229,617	35,174,495
Beginning net assets	818,638,319	1,322,439,260	2,141,077,579
Ending net assets	\$ 828,583,197	1,347,668,877	2,176,252,074

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets 31-Mar-14

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 347,003,364	240,368,702	587,372,066
Receivables	16,918,191	113,805,870	130,724,061
Inventory	133,551	7,326,210	7,459,760
Prepaid expenses	-	19,601,602	19,601,602
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed assets	467,061,215	1,083,870,930	1,550,932,145
Less payables	(2,533,124)	(118,382,576)	(120,915,700)
Net Assets	\$ 828,583,197	1,347,668,877	2,176,252,074

2014-2015 Tribal Legislature

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Two members of the Northern California Community Council were recently honored as “Dynamic Women of the Year.” The honorees are Barbara Keeley and Carrol Reynolds Lopez, pictured here holding the plaques they were presented. Visiting the Council were, from left, Shana Tate Hammond, Nancy Elliott, Scott Wood, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker and Beth Alexander.

GRADUATIONS



Darcy Odom was named Class Speaker for the December, 2015, graduates of the University of New Mexico business college. Ms. Odom was selected based on her academic achievements and demonstrated leadership. She is graduating magna cum laude with a 3.8 grade point average. She was president of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting, finance, and MIS honors fraternity during her senior year.



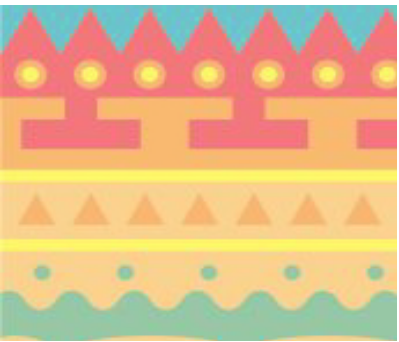
Three Chickasaw employees recently graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with master's degrees. Kelcie Branscum received her Master of Business Administration degree. She is a Child Support Finance Specialist in the Department of Family Service. Joe Thomas received his Master of Science degree in Native American Leadership. He is a Special Assistant in the Department of Culture and Humanities. Bethany Carroll received her Master of Business Administration degree. She is the Office Manager for Headquarters.



U.S. Army Pfc. Charles Stephens, a Chickasaw, has graduated from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. Pfc. Stephens studied Arabic, one of the most difficult languages offered. He is the son of Michael Stephens.

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Joe Thomas, Chickasaw, a 2007 graduate of McAlester (OK) High School, and a 2011 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, recently added another academic title. Mr. Thomas received his Master of Science degree in Native American Leadership (MSNAL) from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla., on December 12, 2015 during Fall Commencement ceremonies. Mr. Thomas graduated with high honors, completing the degree with a 4.0 GPA. The MSNAL program is a newly established program for Southeastern. Mr. Thomas was one of few in the inaugural graduating class. Mr. Thomas not only completed the program, but also provided a helping hand in establishing the program itself. He provided comments and input regarding class topics, reading materials and subject matter. Mr. Thomas, who serves as the Special Assistant II to the Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities, worked with other tribal representatives and Southeastern represen-

tatives to create this newly offered program, with a specific focus on individuals working in tribal government. “The graduate program has provided me the necessary tools needed to continue to serve my fellow Chickasaw citizens, and to continue to meet the mission of the Chickasaw Nation,” Mr. Thomas said. “The mission is to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.” Mr. Thomas grew up in McAlester, Okla., and attended McAlester public schools from kindergarten through high school. After graduating from McAlester High School in 2007, he went on to graduate from the University of Oklahoma in 2011. After working in Washington, D.C., for a summer, he began his career with the Chickasaw Nation in 2013. “I have always aspired to work for my tribe,” Mr. Thomas said. “When I was in college, all of my writing assignments were focused on the Chickasaw Nation’s history and culture.” Today, Mr. Thomas’s role as special assistant includes researching and writing Chickasaw history and culture, developing Chickasaw Nation curricula, and teaching cultural classes within the Chickasaw Nation. His plans after graduation are to continue to work for the Chickasaw Nation, and to one day teach at a college or university regarding Chickasaw history and culture. Mr. Thomas is the son of Billy and Carrolen Thomas, of McAlester, and the grandson of the late Joe and Ona Thomas, and the late Oliver and Hattie Mae Keel-Chasteen.

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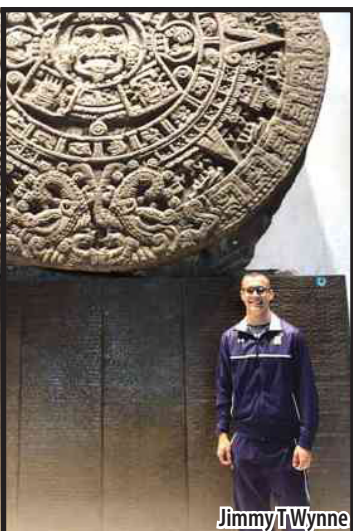


Nashoba Joseph Gomez was born at 10:30 p.m., Nov. 30, 2015 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth. His mother and father are John Travis Gomez and Amber Jean Vick. He has two brothers, Brent Ryan Vick and Ethan John Gomez, and two sisters, Paige J.T Vick and Katie Marie Macroberts.



CONGRATULATIONS

Chickasaw citizen and U.S. Naval Academy midshipman Jimmy T. Wynne played his first international competition as a player with the Academy’s Sprint Football Team. The team traveled to Mexico City, where it played the Mexican Sedena Heroico Colegio Militar (Mexican Military Academy). The team played in front of over 8,000 American and Mexican fans, on Saturday, Nov. 14. This is the first international competition for the sprint team in its 70-year history. American delegate in attendance at the game was U.S. Navy Adm. Bill Gortney, Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command. The Mexican leadership in attendance included Secretary of National Defense, Gen. Salvador Cienfuegos, and the Secretary of the Navy, Adm. Vidal Francisco Soberon. Pregame ceremonies included parachutists, including one with an American flag that was presented to Adm. Gortney. Both dignitaries tossed a football to either team’s quarterbacks.



The midshipmen played well and dominated much of the game, the final score was 47-0 Navy. Midshipman Wynne saw playing time during the second and third quarters as quarterback. The midshipmen were extended hospitality throughout their stay and were able to visit and learn about Mexican culture. They attended a tailgate event following the game as well as an exclusive dinner. This game was played as a Goodwill Event between both countries and next year Mexico’s Academy has been extended an invite to the Naval Academy for another game.



Caleb is being recruited by several colleges in Oklahoma and Kansas. Link to article in the Oklahoman: <http://newsok.com/article/5461360>.

Caleb Scott is a Chickasaw citizen. He led his team, Destiny Christian School, to his second straight Oklahoma Christian School Athletic Association State football Championship on November 13, 2015. The game was played at Edmond (OK) Memorial High School. Caleb is a 17-year-old senior and is the quarterback. He threw for 3,133 yards in 11 games this year. He threw 47 passing TDs and rushed for 13 TDs. He set a school record for most passing yards and most passing TDs in a season. His team finished a perfect 11-0. Caleb has never lost a game in two years as the starting QB for Destiny.



Allie Foster is a senior at Turner (OK) High School. She will be representing the small West schools as starting third baseman in the Softball Fastpitch All State game next summer. In the history of the fastpitch program at Turner, Allie makes only the second Lady Falcon to receive this All-State honor. Allie is the daughter of Kent and Melissa Foster. She will be playing college softball next fall and she is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation!

November 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

The Outstanding Achievement program recognizes various accomplishments in athletics, music, art, journalism, FFA/FHA, citizenship, band, dance, theatre and drama, academic achievements and other areas. Nominated students must have a Chickasaw citizenship card, be enrolled in grade two through 12 and school coordinator/JOM representative handles nomination paperwork. Students who attend private school must provide a school photo, submit a biography, application for consideration, have a citizenship card and be enrolled in grades two through 12. For more information contact Callie Roebuck at (580)421-7711 or fax at (580)310-9531.

Cashin Clifft
Cashin Clifft, 8, son of Jade and Chey Anne Clifft, is a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Citizenship and Academic Achievement Award.



Cashin Clifft

Cashin is in the second grade at Crowder Elementary in McAlester, Okla. He was nominated by his second grade teacher, Kim Folsom. "Cashin is dedicated, hard-working, outstanding student," Ms. Folsom said. "His self-determination allows him to always reach goals he set for himself. He is a strong leader

and is always willing to help others." Cashin hobbies include playing with his brother, basketball, baseball and reading. Cashin has received the Superintendent's Honor Roll and an award for having the most Accelerated Reader points in his class. "My favorite subject in school is reading. I love school and learning new things," Cashin said. Cashin's future plans include playing OU football and to become a doctor.

Terri Lynn Cole
Terri Lynn Cole, 15, daughter of Terry Mark Cole Jr. and Kim Winchester, is a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Achievement in Dance Award.



Terri Lynn Cole

Terri is a sophomore at Blanchard High School in Blanchard, Okla. She was nominated by her Pom head coach, Chrystal Hulsey. "Terri is an outstanding individual," Ms. Hulsey said. "She is prompt, kind and always respectful." Terri's hobbies include dance and scrapbooking. She is also involved in the school's yearbook and photography club and is a honor roll student. Terri's future goal is to attend college and major in psychology and minor in

journalism. **Tyler Ireland**
Tyler Ireland, 12, son of Jimmy and Shannon Ireland, is a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Tyler Ireland

Tyler is in the sixth grade at Latta Elementary in Ada, Okla. He was nominated by his sixth grade language arts teacher, Hayley Bryant. "Tyler is a sweet boy, who always does his work," Ms. Bryant said. "He is consistently a strong 'A' student." Tyler's hobbies include basketball, art and video games. "I have fallen in love with the game of basketball. I have an older brother that always encourages me to be a better player," Tyler said. Tyler's future goal's is to be a basketball player in the NBA or an astronomer.

Jacob McCurdy
Jacob McCurdy, 10, son of Billy and Carol McCurdy, is a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award. Jacob is in the fourth grade at Latta Elementary in Ada, Okla. He was nominated by his fourth grade teacher, Marsha Reeves. "Jacob is always willing to learning and try new things," Ms. Reeves said. "He will

accept the challenge and try his hardest to complete each task given to him."



Jacob McCurdy

Jacob's hobbies include playing basketball, baseball, football and attending sporting events. Jacob has been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club for five years and a member of the Latta's Gifted and Talented Club. Jacob's future goals include attending the University of Oklahoma to pursue a career in the sport's industry.

Kaiden Harjo
Kaiden Harjo, 10, son of Tracey Futischa, is a 2015 Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Kaiden Harjo

Kaiden is in the third grade at Latta Elementary in Ada, Okla. He was nominated by his third

grade teacher, Bobbie Priest. "Kaiden is one of my best students," Ms. Priest said. "He is always here, ready to work and is helpful to everyone." Kaiden's hobbies include reading books. "I love learning new things and working on projects," Kaiden said. Kaiden future goals include learning the Chickasaw language.

Ariana Munoz
Ariana Munoz, 9, the daughter of Janice and Derek Tiger, is a recipient of the 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Ariana Munoz

Ariana is in the third grade at Latta Elementary in Ada, Okla. She was nominated by her third-grade teacher, Bobbie Priest. "Ariana is always willing to do what it takes to get her work done," Ms. Priest said. "She is a great representative of the Chickasaw Nation." Ariana's hobbies includes playing tag, riding her bicycle outside, playing softball and basketball. Ariana's future goal is to be a teacher.

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NOVEMBER 2015 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
November 20, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Pro Tempore Nancy Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Elliott appointed Mr. Scott Wood to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Connie Barker

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michel L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Judy Foster, Charles G. Tate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. Perkins.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - October 16, 2015

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve the minutes of October 16, 2015.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods - 10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2015 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

Ms. Shana Hammond was asked to give the Human Resources Report.

General Resolution Number 33-004, Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Rose Jefferson

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s reappointment of Ms. Rose Jefferson to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR33-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods - 10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR33-004 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 33-005, Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Beryl Sears

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s reappointment of Mr. Beryl Sears to the

Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR33-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods - 10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR33-005 carried unanimously.

Ms. Hammond concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business to discuss or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Wood, Secretary Pro Tempore
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legisalture

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee • December 7, 2015

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee • December 7, 2015

Present: Toby Perkins, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott
Absent: Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee • December 7, 2015

Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green

Health Care Committee • December 7, 2015

Present: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Mary Jo Green

Executive Committee • December 14, 2015

Present: Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus
Absent: Scott Wood, Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee • December 14, 2015

Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond

Committee of the Whole • December 14, 2015

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood

Finance Committee • December 14, 2015

Present: Toby Perkins, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott
Absent: Linda Briggs

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Legislative Session
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
December 18, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

AGENDA ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PR32-007 Amendments to Title 5, Articles C, E, H and N and Title 6, Chapters 1 and 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Courts and Procedures; Domestic Relations and Families) (Tabled in Session 9/18/2015)

AGENDA ITEM #6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
PR33-001 Amendments to Title 10, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Finance and Taxation General Provisions)

(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
GR33-011 Gubernatorial Appointment – Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
GR33-006 Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Murray County

GR33-007 Authorization for Transfer and Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County
GR33-008 Authorization to Donate Real Property in Love County
GR33-009 To rescind and Replace General Resolution 32-025 (Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County)

GR33-010 Perpetual Easement and Right-of-Way in McClain County

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

DECEMBER 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-006

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Murray County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acceptance of a transfer of property from Oklahoma Arbuckle Retreat, LLC located in Murray County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

The W/2 SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 SW/4 and SE/4 SE/4 SW/4 and SW/4 NE/4 SW/4 and NW/4 NW/4 NE/4 SW/4 and S/2 NW/4 NE/4 SW/4 and S/2 SW/4 SE/4 and the SW diagonal ½ of the S/2 SE/4 SE/4 of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 3 East of the Indian meridian, Murray County, Oklahoma

AND
The N/2 of Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 3 East of the Indian Meridian, Murray County, Oklahoma.

For a Total of 478.94 acres, more or less
and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept, as a transfer, a deed for the above described tract of land. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acceptance, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 18, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept real property, in Murray County, Oklahoma, described as

The W/2 SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 SW/4 and SE/4 SE/4 SW/4 and SW/4 NE/4 SW/4 and NW/4 NW/4 NE/4 SW/4 and S/2 NW/4 NE/4 SW/4 and S/2 SW/4 SE/4 and the SW diagonal ½ of the S/2 SE/4 SE/4 of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 3 East of the Indian meridian, Murray County, Oklahoma

AND
The N/2 of Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 3 East of the Indian Meridian, Murray County, Oklahoma.

For a Total of 478.94 acres, more or less
together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 4205 Goddard Youth Camp Road, Sulphur, Oklahoma
Use: To be utilized for Chickasaw Retreat & Conference Center
Presented By: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-007

Authorization for Transfer and Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the transfer and acceptance of a property from Sovereign Properties Holdco LLC, located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described Exhibit “A” and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept, as a transfer, a deed for the above described tract of land. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 18, 2015, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acceptance of a transfer of real property from Sovereign Properties Holdco LLC, Located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described in EXHIBIT "A" and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Former K-Mart Building in Ada
Use: To be utilized as a retail facility
Presented By: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-008
Authorization to Donate Real Property in Love County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends donating real property to the City of Marietta, located in Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma, described as Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) of Block Twenty-Six (26) of the City of Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to donate the above described tract of land to the City of Marietta, located in Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 18, 2015, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation to donate real property to the City of Marietta, located in Love County, Oklahoma, described as Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) of Block Twenty-Six (26) of the City of Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to donate the real property to the City of Marietta.

Property Location: City of Marietta
Presented By: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-009
To Rescind and Replace General Resolution 32-025
(Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, this resolution corrects an erroneous legal description to a tract of land in McClain County, Oklahoma, which is correctly described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FROM DEED
A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW/4 NW/4) of Section 13, Township Six North (T6N), Range Two West (R2W), McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point which is 277 feet North and 267 feet West of the Southeast Corner of NE/4 SW/4 NW/4 of said Section 13; (said point being located on the West boundary line of U.S. Highway #77, and reference is hereby made to "Resolution of Correction" as the same is now of record in Book 147 at page 216 in the office of the County Clerk of McClain County, Oklahoma, for more particularly) and running thence West 416 feet; thence due South 52.5 feet to a point which point is the Northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed; thence due East 416 feet, to the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77; thence South along the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77 a distance of 52.5 feet; thence due West a distance of 208 feet; thence due South 209 feet; thence due West 208 feet; thence due north 261.5 feet to the northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION USING GEODETIC BEARINGS
Being the same tract more accurately described in Geodetic bearings as follows: A tract of land located in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 2 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13; thence S 89°54'03" E a distance of 578.88 feet; thence N 03°28'57" E a distance of 415.89 feet; thence N 89°56'51" E a distance of 209.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57" E a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 89°56'51" W a distance of 207.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57" E a distance of 261.00 feet; thence N 89°56'51" E a distance of 416.00 feet; thence S 03°28'57" W a distance of 52.50 feet; thence S 89°56'51" W a distance of 209.00 feet; thence S 03°29'08" W a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.49 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that General Resolution 32-025 is hereby rescinded and replaced for the purpose of acceptance of real property and more specifically identifying the complete legal description as requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for placing said tract of land into trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 18, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution rescinds General Resolution 32-025 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FROM DEED
A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW/4 NW/4) of Section 13, Township Six North (T6N), Range Two West (R2W), McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point which is 277 feet North and 267 feet West of the Southeast Corner of NE/4 SW/4 NW/4 of said Section 13; (said point being located on the West boundary line of U.S. Highway #77, and reference is hereby made to "Resolution of Correction" as the same is now of record in Book 147 at page 216 in the office of the County Clerk of McClain County, Oklahoma, for more particularly) and running thence West 416 feet; thence due South 52.5 feet to a point which point is the Northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed; thence due East 416 feet, to the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77; thence South along the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77 a distance of 52.5 feet; thence due West a distance of 208 feet; thence due South 209 feet; thence due West 208 feet; thence due north 261.5 feet to the northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION USING GEODETIC BEARINGS
Being the same tract more accurately described in Geodetic bearings as follows: A tract of land located in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 2 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13; thence S 89°54'03" E a distance of 578.88 feet; thence N 03°28'57" E a distance of 415.89 feet; thence N 89°56'51" E a distance of 209.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57" E a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 89°56'51" W a distance of 207.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57" E a distance of 261.00 feet; thence N 89°56'51" E a distance of 416.00 feet; thence S 03°28'57" W a distance of 52.50 feet; thence S 89°56'51" W a distance of 209.00 feet; thence S 03°29'08" W a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.49 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

Property Location: 1413, 1415 & 1417 Green Avenue, Purcell, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation Purcell campus properties
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented By: Land Development Committee

DECEMBER 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-010
Perpetual Easement and Right-of-Way in McClain County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the Chickasaw Nation grant a perpetual easement and right-of-way to City of Newcastle, a municipal corporation, with such easement being more particularly described in Exhibit "A", the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, and

WHEREAS, this easement shall permit the City of Newcastle, its successors and assigns, licensees and franchisees, a perpetual easement and right-of-way for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, installing, repairing and replacing streets for ingress and egress purposes, situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma. The rights and privileges above granted to continue for a public use roadway, known as NE 24th Street Bypass.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the proposed perpetual easement and right of way be granted to City of Newcastle.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 18, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: The public roadway currently known as NE 24th Street Bypass is complete and is being used for the public as ingress and egress to our property and the adjoining land owners, running east and west to I-44 access road (hwy. 62), in or near the city of Newcastle. Currently there are no easements recorded. This resolution authorizes and approves a perpetual and right of way easement for the purpose of allowing the City of Newcastle, a municipal corporation, and its successors and assigns, licensees and franchisees, a perpetual easement and right-of-way to construct, maintain, install, repair, and/or replace streets currently known as NE 24th Street Bypass for ingress and egress purposes.

Property Location: Newcastle Casino
Use: To be utilized as perpetual and right of way Easement to City of Newcastle.
Presented By: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-011
Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission
Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Mr. Mark Riesen, a vacancy exists on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission for a delegate to represent the Pickens Legislative District, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins, a citizen of the Pickens District of the Chickasaw Nation to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Riesen on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Riesen on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission as the Pickens District representative to fill a term of office ending on December 31, 2017.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 18, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2017 filling the unexpired term of Mr. Mark Riesen.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Permanent Resolution Number 33-001
Amendments to Title 10, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Finance and Taxation General Provisions)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, these amendments update specific provisions of Title 10 of the Chickasaw Code dealing with certain funds to allow more flexibility in the administration of Chickasaw Nation funds and for the purpose of achieving greater returns on investments while balancing reasonable risks in investment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby adopts the following amendments to Title 10, Chapter 1, Sections 10-101.4, 10-101.7, 10-101.10 and 10-101.11 through 10-101.19 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, all other sections and parts of sections remain the same (additions are shown in red, deletions are stricken through):

- “SECTION 10-101.4 DEFINITIONS.**
8. ~~“surplus funds” shall mean those funds which remain after making provisions for all liabilities of every kind, including estimated needs for operations;~~
89. “Tribal Budget” shall mean that budget containing only trust funds devised by the governor in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution;
949. “Consolidated Governmental Budget” shall mean that budget containing the budgeted annual expenditures from the tribal general fund, enterprise fund and trust funds held in the name of the Chickasaw Nation, as devised by the governor;
1044. “Trust Funds” shall mean those funds held by the United States of America for and in the name of the Chickasaw Nation and which are administered by the United States of America and any of its agencies for the benefit of the Chickasaw Nation;
- 11~~“Reserve” shall mean any funds which are set aside, the purposes or the use of which are not restricted to specific other uses. “Funds” shall mean available money set aside for a particular purpose.~~
12. “Imprest Funds” shall mean those Funds, either in cash or in a bank account, established to manage small day to day or incidental expenses, the balance of which being replenished periodically upon substantiation of the distributions made.

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13. "Change Fund" shall mean an amount of cash held by a department or business and used to give change to customers when they are paying for goods or services.
14. "Deposited Funds" are those Funds deposited in a financial institution that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a like federal insurance program including checking accounts, savings accounts, time deposits (certificates of deposit) and money market savings accounts.
15. "Invested Funds" are those Funds invested to allow for maximized earnings within acceptable risk limits.
16. "Contractual or Fiduciary Funds" shall include grants and other federal funding, the Chickasaw Nation self-insurance fund and other accounts with funds from assets that the Chickasaw Nation holds as a trustee and that it cannot use to fund its own programs.

SECTION 10-101.7 SECURED DEPOSITS REQUIRED.

- A. No Funds under the control of the Chickasaw Nation shall be deposited in any financial institution unless said institution is insured by either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a like federal insurance program. the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.
- C. In the event that invested Deposited Funds in a single institution amount to more than the amount insured by the FDIC, and said funds shall be are collateralized, provided that the financial institution where these funds are invested shall secure and pledge to the Chickasaw Nation joint custody receipts for the full amount of said funds.

SECTION 10-101.10 SURPLUS FUNDS INVESTMENT INVESTED FUNDS.

Surplus Funds from tribal operations may be invested by the Governor or his delegate in accordance with applicable sections of this Title. Tribal funds invested pursuant to this Section shall be for a period deemed appropriate by the Governor, insofar as such time does not affect the cash needs of a program, a department or a business. Invested Funds are exempt from the requirements of Section 10-101.7.

SECTION 10-101.11 CONTRACTUAL AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS.

Contractual and Fiduciary Funds shall be deposited, managed and invested in full consideration of the purpose, terms and distributional requirements of the fund or award and in accordance with federal and tribal laws existing at the time of creation or award.

SECTION 10-101.11 101.12 RECOGNIZED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

SECTION 10-101.12 101.13 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

SECTION 10-101.13 101.14 RECORDS RETENTION PROGRAM.

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SECTION 10-101.15 101.16 CLAIM PROCESSING POLICIES.

SECTION 10-101.16 101.17 IMPREST FUNDS.

SECTION 10-101.17 101.18 CHANGE FUND.

SECTION 10-101.18 101.19 AUDITS PERFORMED BY CPA."

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 18, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This Resolution updates specific provisions of the Finance and Taxation Code dealing with deposited funds and invested funds and clarifies that while deposited funds require FDIC insurance and possible collateralization, invested funds do not. Several definitions are added and a new code section is added for "Contractual and Fiduciary Funds," thereby changing the section numbering after Section 10-101.11. A blackline copy as amended is attached hereto.

Presented by: Finance Committee

SECTION 10-101.4 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Act:

1. "The Chickasaw Nation" shall mean the government instituted in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation;
2. "Chickasaw Tribal Legislature," or "Legislature" shall mean that body of not more than 13 members, as created by Articles V, VI, VII, VIII and IX of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation;
3. "Governor" shall mean the chief executive officer of the Chickasaw Nation, as created by Articles X and XI of the Constitution, or whenever proper to so interpret, it may also mean the lieutenant governor, when acting in behalf of the governor in accordance with Article X, Section 2 and Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution;
4. "Executive Department" shall mean that department of the tribal government created by the Constitution and/or referenced in Articles V, X and XI;
5. "Appropriation" shall mean designating or denoting the use or application of a fund;
6. "Claim" shall mean the right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured, which is the right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach give rise to a right of payment, by or through which claimant obtains possession or enjoyment of privilege or thing;
7. "Payroll" shall mean wages or salaries paid to employees or officials of the Chickasaw Nation;
8. "Tribal Budget" shall mean that budget containing only Trust Funds devised by the Governor in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution;
9. "Consolidated Governmental Budget" shall mean that budget containing the budgeted annual expenditures from the tribal general fund, enterprise fund and Trust Funds held in the name of the Chickasaw Nation, as devised by the Governor;
10. "Trust Funds" shall mean those funds held by the United States of America for and in the name of the Chickasaw Nation and which are administered by the United States of America and any of its agencies for the benefit of the Chickasaw Nation;
11. "Funds" shall mean available money set aside for a particular purpose.
12. "Imprest Funds" shall mean those Funds, either in cash or in a bank account, established to manage small day to day or incidental expenses, the balance of
13. "Change Fund" shall mean an amount of cash held by a department or business and used to give change to customers when they are paying for goods or services.
14. "Deposited Funds" are those funds deposited in a financial institution that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a like federal insurance program including checking accounts, savings accounts, time deposits (certificates of deposit) and money market savings accounts.
15. "Invested Funds" are those funds invested to allow for maximized earnings within acceptable risk limits.
16. "Contractual or Fiduciary Funds" shall include grants and other federal funding, the Chickasaw Nation self-insurance fund and other accounts with Funds from assets that the Chickasaw Nation holds as a trustee and that it cannot use to fund its own programs.

SECTION 10-101.5 APPROVED DEPOSITORIES REQUIRED.

Any funds in the custody of the Chickasaw Nation shall be deposited in an approved depository effected in accordance with the provisions of this Title. There shall be a sufficient number of depositories as may be necessary for the efficient regulation and management of tribal business. Said depositories shall be approved by the Governor and based upon sound financial advice.

SECTION 10-101.6 FIDUCIARY DELEGATED.

Any funds deposited by the Chickasaw Nation shall be under the control of the Governor, in accordance with Article X, Section 1, and Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution. The Legislature may from time to time establish laws and regulations governing said funds.

SECTION 10-101.7 SECURED DEPOSITS REQUIRED.

- A. No funds under the control of the Chickasaw Nation shall be deposited in any financial institution unless said institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a like federal insurance program.
- B. No funds in excess of the amount insured by FDIC shall be deposited in a single financial institution unless said funds are collateralized either by bonds with a minimum of an AA rating, or local, state, U.S. Government and Chickasaw Nation securities.
- C. In the event that deposited funds in a single institution amount to more than the amount insured by the FDIC and said funds are collateralized, the financial institution shall secure and pledge to the Chickasaw Nation joint custody receipts for the full amount of said funds.

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Any investment of funds derived as a result of a court judgment shall be made in accordance with federal and tribal laws existing at the time of such investment of judgment funds.

SECTION 10-101.9 TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENT.

The Governor may recommend to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior preferred financial institutions for the investment of its trust funds.

SECTION 10-101.10 INVESTED FUNDS.

Funds from tribal operations may be invested by the Governor or his delegate in accordance with applicable sections of this Title. Tribal funds invested pursuant to this Section shall be for a period deemed appropriate by the Governor, insofar as such time does not affect the cash needs of a program, a department or a business. Invested Funds are exempt from the requirements of Section 10-101.7.

SECTION 10-101.11 CONTRACTUAL AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS.

Contractual and fiduciary funds shall be deposited, managed and invested in full consideration of the purpose, terms and distributional requirements of the fund or award and in accordance with federal and tribal laws existing at the time of creation or award.

SECTION 10-101.12 RECOGNIZED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

Generally accepted accounting principles, established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and/or the Financial Accounting Standards Board shall be used in accounting and reporting for the financial activities of the various entities of the Chickasaw Nation, unless they conflict with applicable legal requirements.

SECTION 10-101.13 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

At the first regular session of the Legislature each month, the Governor or his delegate shall submit a combined financial statement which shall contain a combined balance sheet and profits/losses statement, plus a combined report on the net income total for all businesses. Such reports shall also include, but not be limited to, the tribal budget, tribal general fund expenditure reports, reports on expenditures for the Legislative Department and reports on the balance in the General Fund, which will include all cash reserves.

SECTION 10-101.14 RECORDS RETENTION PROGRAM.

The Governor or his delegate shall develop and maintain a fiscal records retention program. Said records retention program shall identify the records to be retained, the length of time the records are to be retained and the method of record destruction for those records not retained.

All appropriate claims against the Chickasaw Nation and against its funds shall be verified by the claimant and shall be approved by a Chickasaw Nation representative who has personal knowledge of receipt of the goods or services before the same are paid.

SECTION 10-101.16 CLAIM PROCESSING POLICIES.

The Governor shall devise policies and procedures covering the processing of claims against the Chickasaw Nation.

SECTION 10-101.17 IMPREST FUNDS.

It is hereby authorized that the various agencies and businesses may maintain an imprest fund. The imprest fund shall be used to pay small invoices that would be impractical to be paid by the regular system. The Governor shall determine what agencies/businesses need imprest funds and the amounts of such funds. Reimbursement of the imprest fund shall be made by filing claims and attaching the invoices paid by the fund. Where bank accounts are involved, bank statements shall be mailed directly to the chief financial officer.

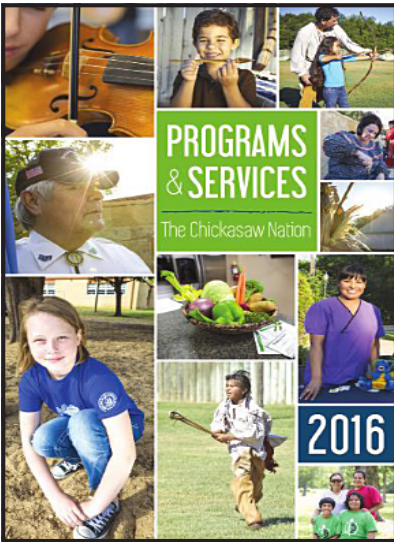
SECTION 10-101.18 CHANGE FUND.

There is hereby created in the various agencies and businesses a change fund for those agencies/businesses that make change. The Governor or his delegate shall determine which agencies/businesses need change funds and the amount of said funds to be included in each fund.

SECTION 10-101.19 AUDITS PERFORMED BY CPA.

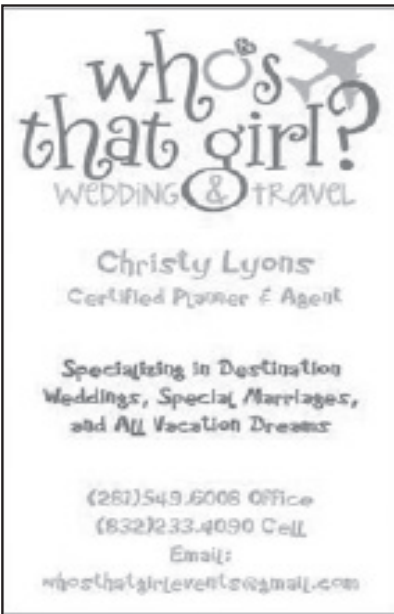
- A. The services of a CPA firm shall be obtained to perform auditing of all accounts, funds and accounting systems of the Chickasaw Nation on an annual basis. Such audit shall include all accounts and financial activities of all agencies of the Chickasaw Nation and be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards issued by the comptroller general of the United States, and applicable Office of Management and Budget Circulars as may be issued subsequent to the effective date of this Section's adoption.
- B. The Governor or his delegate may submit to the Legislature financial statements which are independently audited by a licensed certified public accountant and related reports developed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and applicable legal requirements, as soon after the end of the fiscal year as they are available from the auditors.
- C. Select audits shall be performed upon submission to the Governor of a resolution adopted by the Legislature, which specifically requests the audit and lists the account or accounts to be included in that audit. The audit findings shall be provided to the Governor and to the Legislature, as soon as that document is made available by the auditors.

Please note that PR32-007 failed for lack of a motion.



Programs & Services Directory available

The 2016 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens. The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.



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Our 'Brocko' was a true gift to all that knew him and all that were impacted by his shining light. He absolutely loved life and felt the mission to positively impact others. He was a fierce competitor, loyal teammate, driven athlete, while being selfless and encouraging to others. He adored his family, his hero and best friend was his older brother, Riley. As a Christian, he was very bold in ministering to others and had the ability to engage anyone with a conversation about our Lord.

We tragically lost him too soon, but the choice he selflessly made to be a donor continues to be a humbling testament of Brock's love and passion for others. We were given the most amazing gift when God gave us Brock, for which we will forever be grateful.

'Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him' Psalm 127:3

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Director, executive officers named

Aducci, Scribner, Tignor named to Chickasaw Nation administrative posts



C.J. Aducci

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ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently appointed C.J. Aducci to a leadership role within the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services.

Dr. Aducci was named Executive Officer of Strong Family Development.

Dr. Aducci will oversee planning, program development and implementation of outpatient therapeutic services at several Chickasaw Nation facilities.

A Pennsylvania native, Dr. Aducci’s service to the Chickasaw Nation began in 2011 when he was named the director of community-based services. He has most recently served as director of residential services for the Chickasaw Nation.

“C.J. Aducci understands that strong families are essential to a strong community and a thriving nation,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His knowledge and experience along with his commitment to deliver the services needed to keep our families strong make him a great fit for this position.”

Chickasaw Nation Strong Family Development provides behavioral health services for Chickasaw citizens and other Native

Americans, Chickasaw Nation employees or anyone who touches the life of a Chickasaw citizen, such as a non-Native American parent or guardian.

Dr. Aducci will oversee Chickasaw Nation outpatient programs and services in Ada, Ardmore, Oklahoma City, Norman, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Tishomingo and Kingston, as well as the Chickasaw Learning Community (CLC) at the Chokka’ Kilimpi’ Family Resource Center in Norman. The Chickasaw Learning Community connects Chickasaw college students to their heritage and culture. The program is open to freshman and sophomores attending the University of Oklahoma in Norman, or East Central University in Ada.

Dr. Aducci also oversees administration of a state youth treatment grant.

“It is an honor to serve as Executive Officer for Strong Family Development and I am excited about his new opportunity to serve our citizens,” he said. “I am privileged to work alongside all of the Strong Family Development team members who give their all every day to help strengthen fam-

ilies in the Chickasaw Nation.”

In 2013, Dr. Aducci won the Chickasaw Press Heritage Preservation Best Doctoral Dissertation award for his dissertation entitled “Itt’ at Skka’ Wayya’ahookya Ikkobaffo (Trees Bend, but Don’t Break): Chickasaw Family Stories of Historical Trauma and Resilience Across the Generations.” He now teaches a class on the subject in the Chickasaw Leadership Academy.

Prior to joining the Chickasaw Nation, Dr. Aducci’s clinical and professional work experience includes Kansas State University’s Family Center, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe’s Marriage and Family therapy center. He has also worked as a fourth-grade teacher in Kissimmee, Fla.

A North Huntingdon, Penn., native, Dr. Aducci earned a bachelor’s degree from Pennsylvania State University, a master’s degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Kansas State University.

Dr. Aducci resides in Ada with his wife.



Ted Scribner

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ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently appointed a Chickasaw citizen to lead the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Area Office.

Ted Scribner was named director of the Ardmore Area Office.

“Ted Scribner is dedicated to the people we serve,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment make him well suited to this position on the front lines of our efforts to meet the needs of Chickasaws and other Native Americans we serve.”

In this new position, Mr. Scribner manages and directs the day-to-day operations and programs of the Ardmore Area Office.

Located in Ardmore, Ada, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur, Tishomingo and Oklahoma City, Chickasaw Nation Area Offices provide convenient places where tribal citizens can learn about Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Citizens can access a wide range of services at these

locations, including employment programs, Toksali’ SMART (Summer Youth program), Community Health Representatives (CHR), energy assistance, medical transportation services, veterans’ program and more.

The Oklahoma City Area Office specializes in program and service information for citizens who reside outside of the tribal boundaries.

Mr. Scribner said he was grateful Gov. Anoatubby selected him for the position.

“It is a privilege to be appointed as the director of the Ardmore Area Office,” he said. “To be chosen to be a part of Gov. Anoatubby’s leadership team is an honor. At the Area Office, we work hard to make sure we meet the needs of our Chickasaw citizens, as well as other Native Americans.”

Born in Ada, Okla., Mr. Scribner lived in a number of U.S. and foreign communities during his childhood, due to the military career of his father. A graduate

of Seoul American High School, Seoul, South Korea, he attended East Central (OK) University and Oklahoma State University.

His service to the Chickasaw Nation began in 2008 when he accepted the position of director of the Oklahoma City Area Outreach Office, which is now the Oklahoma City Area Office. Mr. Scribner served as Oklahoma City Area Office director until this year, when he assumed the Ardmore Area Office directorship.

He lives in Sulphur, Okla., with his wife, Tandra, who is also a Chickasaw citizen and employee. The couple has five children and three grandchildren.

The Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Area Office is located at 949 Locust, Street, Suite 604.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Area Office, visit chickasaw.net or call (580) 226-4821.



Jimmy Tignor

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ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed an Oklahoma native to Executive Officer of Support for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center institutional environmental safety, medical supply, maintenance, switchboard and housekeeping are now under the leadership of Jimmy Tignor.

Mr. Tignor has worked in a variety of positions during his 15-year career with the Chickasaw Nation. His journey with the tribe began as a registered nurse working in the surgical department.

He soon became Operating Room manager. In 2009 he was appointed director of facility management.

“Jimmy Tignor understands that inspiring pride in a job well done and ensuring attention to detail are essential to leading the effective operation of medical facilities,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “He has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence and

teamwork that makes him well suited for this position.”

Mr. Tignor’s responsibilities include ensuring the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center facility is well-maintained by his staff. He oversees more than 100, all of whom make sure the first impressions of a well-kept facility are at an all-time high. From the medical equipment to the grounds outside, the departments that Mr. Tignor oversees keep the medical center up and running.

“My departments are charged with keeping a clean, well-kept facility,” Mr. Tignor said. “We ensure medical supplies are clean and working. We give the first impression of this facility by maintaining the grounds.”

“I am greatly honored to be appointed to executive officer of support for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and look forward to the many new challenges this brings,” Mr. Tignor said. “After almost 16 years with the Chickasaw Nation Depart-

ment of Health, I can’t imagine working anywhere else.”

Mr. Tignor received his nursing degree from Grayson College Nursing School.

He lives in Stonewall, Okla., with his wife, Ralania. He has two children and four grandchildren.